(b) if so, the details of such office-bearers; and

(c) the need and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) One PET of Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Delhi Cantt. who was the General Secretary of Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh (J) has been removed from service for violating conduct and disciplinary rules.

Development of Higher Technical Education Centres

675. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AICTE has submitted any plans to Government for the development of such institutions which provide for Higher Technical Education exclusively for women in the field of electronic communication; computer science, information technology as well as business management at the post graduate level; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide a new impetus to the women's higher technical education as well as of their employment keeping in view international women's year?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has not submitted any plan for the development of institutions which provide for Higher Technical Education exclusively for women. However, AICTE approved 144 diploma level and 13 degree level technical institutions exclusively for women. The opening of the above institutes exclusively for women and enhancement in the intake in co-education institutes are working as confidence building measures for women, an important integral of women empowerment. The Centrally funded technical institutes namely Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, etc. have been asked to consider construction of hostel facilities exclusively for girl students. In addition, provision exists for providing accommodation to girl students studying in post-school professional courses under the scheme of Assistance for Construction of Working Women's Hostel with Day Care Centres.